

HOUSE RESOLUTION 25

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Anna A. Kao, newly-designated Spokesperson for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director-General of the Public Diplomacy Coordination Council.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as industry and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Anna A. Kao, who was recently chosen to serve as the Spokesperson for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director-General of the Public Diplomacy Coordination Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kao, who was born on January 15, 1959, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan, ROC, before embarking upon an impressive career; and

WHEREAS, after rendering sterling service as a Desk Officer with the Department of Protocol, MOFA from 1984 until 1985, she served as a Desk Officer with MOFA's Department of North American Affairs until 1987, when she was became the Assistant, and later Special Assistant, for the Coordination Council of North American Affairs Office in Seattle, positions she held until 1993; and

WHEREAS, between 1993 and 1996, Anna Kao was the Section Chief of the Congressional Liaison Office for MOFA. She then served with diligence and distinction as the Assistant Director General and Section Chief of the Department of International Organizations, MOFA, between 1996 and 1997; and

WHEREAS, after serving as the Private Secretary for the Vice Premier's Office, Executive Yuan from 1997 until 1998, Ms. Kao was named as the Assistant Director General

and Section Chief of the Department of European Affairs, MOFA, a position she held for four years; and

WHEREAS, she then stood as the Deputy Director General of the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, MOFA, between 2002 and 2005, when she became the Director General of the Department of Telecommunication Services, MOFA, a position she held until 2010; and

WHEREAS, prior to being named as the Spokesperson for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director-General of the Public Diplomacy Coordination Council, Anna Kao served as the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kao epitomizes the spirit and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Anna Kao for her many good deeds and her role as a leader in her field; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Anna A. Kao for her meritorious service, applaud her recent designation as the Spokesperson for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director-General of the Public Diplomacy Coordination Council, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.